progress. Further consideration of the proposal would be feasible once the survey report becomes available.

(b) An amount of Rs. 1.50 lakh has been provided in 2004-05 and Rs. 1.10 lakh has been proposed in the Budget 2005-06 for the above survey.

Incomplete work at Turbe - Thane Section

1979. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after spending a sum of over Rs. 109 crores on the Turbe-Thane Section of the Central Railway the work remains incomplete and is going on at snails pace;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in handling the work and the slow pace of implementation; and

(c) the original cost of the project and the cost escalation incurred so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Thane-Turbe Double line commuter corridor on Central Railway has been completed and was commissioned for traffic on 9.11.2004. The project is jointly funded by City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO) and the Railways in 2:1 proportion. Upto February, 2005 total expenditure incurred on the project Thane-Turbe-Nerul-Vashi Corridor No. 2 is Rs. 321.70 crore (Rs. 197.12 crore by CIDCO and Rs. 124.58 crore by the Railway).

(b) Does not arise as the work has been completed.

(c) The original estimated cost of the project was Rs. 134.3 crore in the year 1996-97 and the revised cost is Rs. 403.39 crore.

Amenities at Bidhannagar Railway Station

1980. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of daily commuters who use Bidhannagar Railway Station under Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway;